

How they Read the Papers

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Col. Caldwell had been sitting with his wife on their broad piazza, enjoying, as they always did now, the charming outlook from the Groobman side. Mr. and Mrs. Groobman were also sitting on their doorstep, enjoying the sights and scents of their garden.

Mr. and Madame Slater were viewing the vegetable garden from their back-door steps, not considering themselves exactly presentable before their neighbors, who now appeared in neat linen suits in the evening, while the mother was clad in a pretty calico or fresh gingham.

"Wife," said the Colonel, "I believe I'll step over and speak to those folks, and also pay my milk bill. I don't see," he added, as if making a great concession, "why they are not pretty desirable neighbors, after all; the parents are wonderfully neat and industrious; the boys attend to their own affairs, and altogether they haven't troubled us much."

"Troubled us!" exclaimed Mrs. Caldwell, hastily. "Troubled us! why, those boys are just splendid! I wish you could hear them talk, and their mother, too, for that matter. She is a perfect little lady, always teaching her boys something useful. Ethel scraped acquaintance with the little fellow—Charlie, they call him—and she begs and teases all the time to go into their garden and see them work."

"I was almost afraid to tell you," she added, "but she has actually coaxed me into letting her go a number of times and 'the mother' as they call her, has given her seed cakes and flowers, and the boys make a perfect little pet of her, and the child is infatuated with them all. Then the other night when your gentlemen friends came so unexpectedly, the boys went errands for me and Bridget says they helped her pick and clean the chickens, all thought so nice; some of their own raising, too."

"But what surprises me most," the lady continued, "is their language, I never before heard boys of their ages approach them for carfulness or correctness. How can it be? I imagined them poor and untaught; they say they have had but very little schooling, but I'm not in the least afraid to have Ethel hear anything they say and I've watched pretty close on her account."

A few moments before the above conversation between the Colonel and his wife, Mr. Slater had said to his wife:

"Jane, I guess I'll slick up a bit and slip on my other coat and go have a few words with our neighbor Groobman. I wish he'd let me have a tomato vine or two and some flower-seeds, I'd help him garden a bit in pay."

"He won't want any of your help," was the encouraging reply; but Mr. Slater donned his "other coat" and walked into Mr. Groobman's yard just as Col. Caldwell seated himself in a chair brought outside for him.

Mrs. Groobman withdrew and Mr. Slater seated himself on the doorstep and during the two hours the three neighbors spent in earnest conversation, Mrs. Caldwell, from the broad piazza and Mrs. Slater from the back-steps, repeatedly wondered what "those men" found so engrossing to talk about.

The chief interest in the conversation began when Col. Caldwell, with quite a degree of affability, inquired: "My friend, may I ask where you learned to understand the habits and requirements of different plants and flowers to the extent you evidently have? This place must pay."

"Oh, certainly; from my papers," replied Mr. Groobman, with a slight foreign accent.

"From your papers?" repeated the Colonel questioning.

"Certainly, from mine papers," was again the quiet reply.

"Well, may I ask what papers?" persisted the Colonel, looking puzzled.

"Well, you see," began Mr. Groobman, speaking very slowly, as if giving himself time to use good English and make a plain story of it, "I was one very poor boy and my parents died when I was very young, so I learned nothing, but was content to work for small wages, until I grew to be a man. Then I married a young American, and she was a lady,

could read and write well, and every day she read aloud a daily paper.

Then she taught me to read, and I began to see how one man stood just as good a chance as another in this blessed country, if only he would do well.

"So the mother and I, we worked and saved, and worked and saved, and after some year we had earned enough to bring us all to this good land, with a little besides. Then for three years, while I worked at the mines, we began to read and study two papers. There was our daily newspaper, which taught us all what was going on in this and our own land and all parts of the great earth. But the mother and I desired greatly above other things to have a little place like this, where we could raise things to enjoy and to sell and so we began reading up an agricultural paper, all full of knowledgeable things in that line. Then the boys began to need something to specially amuse and instruct them, so the best and cheapest thing was one of your fine illustrated papers, and all the long winter evenings they were perfectly content to read the pretty stories and study the nice pictures and 'the mother' and I enjoyed the puzzles as much as did the boys. But those pictures! They teach mine boys just how things look which they have never really seen!"

"Ah!" interrupted Mr. Slater, "that's how 'your Kris came to know all about the great canals and engines and temples and palaces he told my boys about?"

"Yes, yes, that's just it!" said Mr. Groobman, delightedly; "why the papers teach us everything, every thing! Kris and Koeb built the henry from a model in their picture paper, and we built the cow-shed from a little model in my *Agriculturist*; we planned the laying out of the garden and arranged the different flower beds according to strict directions."

"If one of the boys falls sick, 'the mother' has read from the sanitary department of her paper of some simple remedy which is sure to get the boy well again; and when, as often happens on the Sabbath, we cannot go to the church, the good mother has always a sermon to read us from her paper, which is the religious one; and then," he added, with an amused smile, "the nice little recipes in her paper seem to help us to be all the more good-natured and religious; the nice little dishes do us all so much good once in a while. Then it is such a great thing to advertise in these papers!"

"But advertising costs so much!" broke in Col. Caldwell.

"So?" said the German questioningly. "But there are different ways to make it even, you know. Now with me, it's this way. Our editor gave a great party; that was one chance. I sent a large basket of my fine flowers, and he gave me in return a fine puff; then in a few days down comes a churchman and engages a large bouquet for every Sunday. The next week comes another churchman, then another, until now I furnish three bouquets a week for the churches; then a concert or party nearly every week with this, more than pays for the flowers."

"Then another editor received some ripe large currants, a gallon of milk, some specimen eggs and a pair of fat spring chickens,—what editor would not appreciate that?" he asked with a twinkle in his eye.

"Well, he paid with an advertisement which brought the market man right down and I'm all right, all right!" he concluded with significant emphasis.

"Wife," said Col. Caldwell, as he again seated himself beside her on the piazza, "we must cultivate these neighbors of ours, for I find them people of real intelligence and Mr. Groobman, if not exactly an educated man, has some of the soundest ideas about matters in general to which I've listened for a long time."

"And another thing," he added decidedly, "I believe I'll begin and advertise,—extensively, too, for I'm convinced my views on that subject have been mistaken ones."

Then the Colonel continued with right royal honesty:

"I am heartily ashamed that I should have needed a man of another nationality to reveal to me my narrowness and want of appreciation with reference to the value of my different papers. Of course I meant to retain

some of them,—no true man or patriot would miss knowing of his country's weal or welfare; but in thinking the matter over I find I cannot spare one I am taking now; and what is more, I believe an agriculturist must be added to the list."

And Mr. Slater began to borrow neighbor's papers and read them to some purpose, until at the end of a year he was taking papers at his own expense and there was a marked improvement in all directions through out his family and there were two enjoyable gardens beside the estate of the prospering and well satisfied Col. Caldwell.

"AN AMBITIOUS INDIVIDUAL."

"Oh! I'm boiling over to do some good act" shouted a politician the other day, as his red nose protruded from a face ornamented with unhealthy blotches. "Well, sir," replied a friendly listener, "unless you want to be an animated sign for a drug store, and make the passers-by sick, I would advise you to use Swayne's Ointment and be cured of that skin disease." The ambitious man acted upon the advice, and is now a living exemplification of what this excellent remedy can accomplish.

For aged men, women, weak and sickly children, without a rival. Will not cause headache. Brown's Iron Bitters.

Jay Gould's New Yacht.

Jay Gould's new sea-going yacht, the contract for which was awarded to William Cramp & Sons, the Kensington ship-builders, will, when completed, be one of the largest and, it is claimed, the finest and fastest private yacht in the world. Nearly every prominent iron ship-builder in America and a number of the great English firms were competitors for the contract. Mr. Gould desired to sail under the American flag and chose the Cramps in preference to any of the other bidders. Only the size and general model of the vessel have been agreed upon. Mr. Gould having left every minute detail of its construction to the judgment of the ship-builders, with the understanding that no expense was to be spared in adding to the speed and power of the vessel. The Cramps are now at work on the model and the building of the vessel will begin immediately.

It will be built of iron and steel, with steel boilers and compound engines of great power; will be 210 feet long, with a twenty-seven foot beam and a depth of hold of sixteen feet—larger than the City of Glasgow, of the Inman Line. The outfit will be completed without regard to expense and it will be abundantly fitted up with ice-making and distilling machines and all of the other luxurious appurtenances of the modern pleasure yacht. The inside decoration and finishing will be attended to by Mr. Gould himself and are not included in the contract, although it is expected that the greater portion of the work will be done in Philadelphia. The plans for this work will only be made as that upon the vessel itself progresses.

The cost cannot yet be estimated, as the terms of the contract have not been made public, and even were the cost of the vessel known it would be impossible to estimate the amount which will be spent upon the decorations and accommodations. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and it is expected that the launching will take place next spring. The name of the yacht has not been determined upon.

The Cramps are the builders of the American Line of steamships, and have built a large number of other vessels. Among the ocean pleasure yachts, which they have turned out, are the *Corsair* and *Stranger*.—*Phila. Times*.

Chicken Croquettes.

Mr. James W. Parkinson, of Philadelphia, whose reputation as a caterer is second to none, in his new monthly magazine, the *Caterer*, tells how to make the chicken croquettes for which Philadelphia has long been famous:

This formula for their preparation is for a pair of fowls, weighing not less than six pounds the pair. Choose always those having the largest amount of breast meat. Boil the fowls in sufficient water to cover them, with two onions, two carrots, a small bunch of thyme and parsley, a few cloves, and half a nutmeg, grated. After the chickens are boiled tender and have become cold, divest them of all skin, fat, gristle, and tendons, and chop the meat as fine as possible. Put half a pound of the very best of butter for each chicken into a saucepan with a tablespoonful of flour and cook together, stirring constantly to prevent its burning. Add a gill or so of the stock in which the chickens were boiled, and a tumblerful of rich cream; boil for eight or ten minutes, stirring constantly; remove from the fire and season with salt, pepper, grated nutmeg, and a little finely-powdered sweet marjoram; then add the chopped chicken meat, stir and mix well together; then add the yolks of four eggs; stir rapidly in; set all on the fire and evaporate the mixture for a minute, stirring briskly, after which pour the mass out upon a flat dish and let it remain until perfectly cold. Then make it up into pear-shaped ones or into rolls, with the assistance of a little flour to prevent the mixture from sticking to the fingers.

When all are ready dip each one separately into the yolks of eggs beaten with a little cream, and roll them as fast as dipped into fresh bread crumbs, made from day-old bread. Let them stand for an hour or so to dry; then fry them in a drainer or colander to drain. Serve on napkins laid upon a warm dish. The broth in which the chickens were boiled can be set away till next day, the fat then removed and added to your lard pot, the liquor strained and heated, a few croutons of fried bread or a little boiled rice added, and you have a fine, rich chicken consommé or clear chicken soup.

Aerial Navigation.

The Invention of a Tennessee Exhibited in New York.

George W. Starr, of Tennessee, who is now in this city, has with him a model of an aerial ship of his own invention which, he claims, embodies some principles never fully applied before in aerial navigation. He has been studying air ships for over eight years, and has lately hit upon an idea the simplicity of which, he thinks, insures success. He has been a successful inventor in other directions. The full-sized air ship, as designed by Mr. Starr, will cost about \$1,200 to construct, will be in the shape of two cylinders, the outer ends pointed, joined together so as to form a straight line, with a space between them large enough for a wind wheel to revolve, its axis being parallel with the cylinders. Between the cylinders will also be suspended the engine that runs the wheel, and the operator, and supplies of water and coal-gas to feed the engine. The length of the air ship will be 132 feet, the diameter of the cylinders 18 feet, the diameter of the propelling wheel 26 feet, the capacity of the cylinders for holding gas 28,000 cubic feet, and the ascending power of the gas 1,904 pounds. The total resisting surface of the ship as it goes through the air will be 277 square feet and the working surface of the wheel will be 372 square feet. The weight of the ship, including the cloth, stays, wheel, engine, car, water, etc., is estimated at 1,364 pounds, which leaves 540 pounds for the operator and ballast.

Mr. Starr attributes the failure of attempts at aerial navigation made by Prof. C. F. Riehel and other inventors to the fact of their having their propelling wheel of far too small size, and having it hung beneath the balloon part of the structure at such a distance as to make its propelling power almost useless. Mr. Starr computes from facts gained by previous experiment that it will take 485 pounds pressure to overcome the resistance of the air to his ship when moving 23 miles an hour. With his engine and 26-foot wheel he calculates to realize 525 pounds direct thrust. A rudder at the stern will steer the ship, a small vane on an upright axis will serve to raise and lower it, and a weight hung longitudinally below it in a movable cope will govern its inclination. Mr. Starr thinks that his invention will be specially useful for reconnoitering in time of war, for carrying mails over rough country, etc. He says that extra cylinders with cars suspended beneath can be drawn like a train of cars with the single propeller.—*New York Tribune*.

"Generous to a fault" may be said of men—at least they are generous enough to their own families.

No Whiskey!

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS is one of the very few tonic medicines that are not composed mostly of alcohol or whiskey, thus becoming a fruitful source of intemperance by promoting a desire for rum.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS is guaranteed to be a non-intoxicating stimulant, and it will, in nearly every case, take the place of all liquor, and at the same time absolutely kill the desire for whiskey and other intoxicating beverages.

Rev. G. W. Rice, editor of the *American Christian Review*, says of Brown's Iron Bitters:

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Gents:—The foolish wasting of vital force in business, pleasure, and vicious indulgence of our people, makes your preparation a necessity; and if applied, will save hundreds who resort to saloons for temporary recuperation.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS has been thoroughly tested for dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, weakness, debility, overwork, rheumatism, neuralgia, consumption, liver complaints, kidney troubles, &c., and it never fails to render speedy and permanent relief.

Price Reduced.

Anticipating the removal of the Stamp Tax at no distant day, the Magnetic Medicine Co., of Detroit, as will be seen by their new advertisement that appears in to-day's paper, have reduced the price of their medicine from one dollar per package to fifty cents, and when twelve packages are ordered at one time, and five dollars paid for the same, they issue a written guarantee agreeing to refund the money if the full course of treatment fails to effect a cure. We have no doubt the Magnetic Medicine will have a large sale in every section of the country, as few medicines are sold at as low a price, and what is especially in its favor is the guarantee of its effecting a cure. The medicine is sold at all Drug Stores, everywhere. Guarantees are issued in Owosso and county by all druggists.

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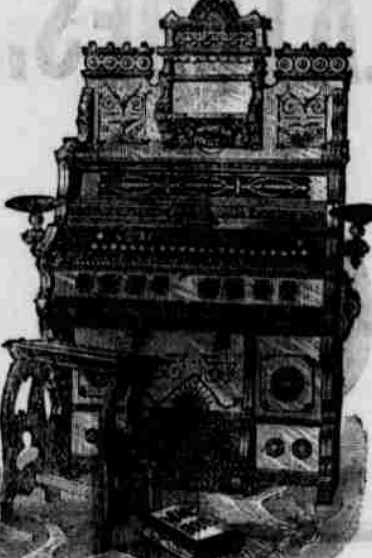
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Order now, Remit by Bank Draft, Post Office Money Order, or Registered Letter. Bond and shipped without a Moment's Delay. Factory running day and night. Organs built old plan, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$400, \$500, \$600, \$700, \$800, \$900, \$1,000, \$1,200, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$3,000, \$4,000, \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000, \$8,000, \$9,000, \$10,000, \$12,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, \$25,000, \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000, \$70,000, \$80,000, \$90,000, \$100,000, \$120,000, \$150,000, \$200,000, \$250,000, \$300,000, \$400,000, \$500,000, \$600,000, \$700,000, \$800,000, \$900,000, \$1,000,000, \$1,200,000, \$1,500,000, \$2,000,000, \$2,500,000, \$3,000,000, \$4,000,000, \$5,000,000, \$6,000,000, \$7,000,000, \$8,000,000, \$9,000,000, \$10,000,000, \$12,000,000, \$15,000,000, \$20,000,000, \$25,000,000, \$30,000,000, \$40,000,000, \$50,000,000, \$60,000,000, \$70,000,000, \$80,000,000, \$90,000,000, \$100,000,000, \$120,000,000, \$150,000,000, \$200,000,000, \$250,000,000, \$300,000,000, \$400,000,000, \$500,000,000, \$600,000,000, \$700,000,000, \$800,000,000, \$900,000,000, 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